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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE ON BIERMANN VISIT

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1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE ON IF-ASKED BASIS:

QUOTE: QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT THE COMMANDANT GENERAL
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE, ADMIRAL BIERMANN, IS
VISITING THE U.S.?

ANSWER: THE ADMIRAL AND HIS WIFE APPLIED FOR TOURIST VISAS
FOR A PRIVATE VISIT OF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS BEGINNING
MAY 5. THE ADMIRAL HAS ASSURED OUR AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA
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(JOHN G. HURD) THAT HE WILL BE MAKING NO OFFICIAL CONTACTS

OF ANY KIND WHILE IN THE U.S. VISAS WERE AUTHORIZED ON
THAT UNDERSTANDING. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: IF ASKED WHETHER BIERMANN WAS FIRST DENIED VISA,
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL RESPOND THAT HE HAS NO INFORMATION
ON THIS POINT. END FYI.

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